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RE: Docket 05-00066: Petition for Approval of Verizon Communications Inc.'s

Acquisition of MCI, Inc.

Dear Messrs. Murphy and Clubok:

In order to fully analyze the above-referenced petition, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) requires additional information. Please provide the information requested below by July 15, 2005, and refer to this correspondence as Data Request No. 3 in the response.

Due to recent MCI shareholder attempts to block Verizon's acquisition of MCI, provide continued updates of any actions which could affect this petition at the state or federal level.

If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please call Carlos Black at 615-741-2904, ext. 196 or e-mail him at <u>Carlos.Black@state.tn.us</u>. Please respond by sending the original and 13 copies to:

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